

General Administration of Customs of the People's Republic of China

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Notice of the General Administration of Customs on Implementing Early Risk Warning and Supervision Measures regarding US Wastes as Raw Materials Imports

Guangdong branch and all administrations directly under the Customs (Previous Entry-Exit Inspection and Quarantine Bureau):

Since the beginning of 2018, the ports throughout the country have continuously detected multiple batches of imported US wastes as raw materials that do not meet the environmental protection requirements. For the purpose of implementing the requirements of the State Council's *Prohibition on Foreign Trash and Promoting the Reform of the Implementation of the Solid Waste Import Management System (No.70 in 2017)*, the *Notice of the General Administration of Customs' Party Committee on Further Prohibiting the Entry of Foreign Trash into China (No.26 in 2018)*, and the *Measures for the Administration of Importation and Inspection of Solid Waste as Raw Materials (No. 194 in 2017)*, it is decided, after studies and considerations, that the inspection and supervision on importation of wastes as raw materials will be strengthened. The following are the related announcements:

- (1) From the date of May 4, 2018, all of the boxes of imported wastes as raw materials from the United States will be required to be 100% opened for inspections. For the suspected hot plastic waste plastics, metal scrap containing powder, and the waste papers containing hard-to-be-identified special paper (silicone paper, wet wax paper, thermal paper, moisture-proof paper, etc.), and waste paper with suspected hazardous materials, it is required to enforce a 100% examination with lab testing analysis. All ports are required to strictly follow the national environmental protection standards, the inspection and quarantine procedures, and the strict supervision and management will be imposed.
- (2) From May 4, 2018, China Certification & Inspection Group (CCIC)'s Northern America Limited Company will be imposed on an A category risk early warning measure, and the time period is one month (from May 4, to June 4, 2018). During this period of time, this Company will not conduct pre-shipment inspections on importation of wastes as raw materials. The information management system for pre-shipment inspections on importation of wastes as raw materials (PSI) will be temporarily shut down.

For those shipments that have been inspected and obtained the certificates for wastes as raw materials by CCIC's Northern America Limited Company before May 3, 2018 (including the date), they could continue to proceed with import custom applications, based on original rules. The date of the issuance of the pre-shipment inspection on the certificates must be carefully verified by each port.

- (3) Strengthening the verification on certificates and shipping documents. Ports should carefully verify the pre-shipment certificates, shipping documents and other related papers for US imported wastes as raw materials, for their authentication, entirety, and consistency. The receiving parties are required to provide the entirely true shipping information and materials. If the pre-shipment dates on the certificates are later than the loading and shipment dates, or the locations for the inspection and the starting point of the shipment are inconsistent, or the certificates were issued without inspection, or the certificates were issued by violation of the requirements, such instances should be reported to the General Administration of Custom's Entry-Exit Inspection and Quarantine Bureau. The General Administration of Custom will focus on the supervision over those entities conducting inspections and examinations on such pre-shipment inspections, and these entities will be called in for meetings to discuss about the enforcement of special projects.

All of the involved entities should enforce the above with a high sense of political responsibility, carry forward a paramilitary kind of Customs' disciplinary force's prohibition of the work style, allocate sufficient resources, and resolve the problems such as insufficient resources for first-line inspection capabilities arising from the tightened measures to comply with the requirements in reality, and to resolutely keep the foreign trash out of the country door of China.

Notice is hereby given.

General Administration of Custom of PRC
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